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GOING FOR A GREEN RIDE

In 2001, around 156 acres of degraded land in Wazirabad along the Yamuna was embarked by Vijai Kapoor, the then lieutenant Governor, for a biodiversity park. Today the Yamuna Biodiversity park is flourishing over 457 acres and the Delhi Development Authority's (DDA's) new e-book shares its 2-decade journey of country's first initiative to bring back lost ecosystems. The barren landscapes of Delhi are transformed into lush green forest, grassland, and wetlands. A total of 7 developed biodiversity parks showing the native of flora and fauna will be showcased at the London Design Biennale 2021, for its landscape design. We can proudly say that our country is moving forward towards a green Earth. It has been a long but successful journey, SO READY SET AND GO FOR A GREEN RIDE!

SOURCE: The Times Of India



IKEA'S BRILLIANT BUY BACK SCHEME

In an initiative to make this world a better place to live in, IKEA has launched a new scheme, where in they shall be buying back furniture items from their customers. The "Buy Back" scheme offers customers a minimum of 50% of the original price, in the form of IKEA gift vouchers etc. "The climate crisis requires us all to radically rethink our consumption habits," said Pia Heidenmark Cook at Ingka Group, Ikea's holding company.

SOURCE: positive.news



CARING CHAUHANS

'Animals aren't called a man's best friends for no reason'. A year ago, playback singer Mohit Chauhan and his family visited south Delhi's Jahanpanah City Forest. Along with his wife Prarthana Gahilote and sister-in-law, Shaguna, they started feeding 150 dogs and 30 puppies at the city forest. While the walkers stopped coming during the lockdown, the trio took it upon themselves to ensure that the dogs, birds, monkeys and mongooses didn't go hungry... which is the most soul-satisfying thing ever!

SOURCE: The Times Of India



THE SEA OF PINK

Mumbai's migratory bird season is finally back! It has brought along with it a flamboyance of flamingos which have turned Navi Mumbai's lakes into a sea of pink. Bird lovers consider this a delight and a good sign due to the rising number of flamingos in the city. These flamingos have also attracted many people from nearby cities and towns.

SOURCE: bbc.com



AMAZING ART EXHIBITION

An underwater art exhibition took place in Russia in the white sea. People had to swim deep into the water to see the exhibition. A spectator, Mikhail Khrobystov says, "The pictures are cool. I saw them before, but under the sea, they look different. The effect is very interesting with the light of a torch they begin to shine and look three dimensional."

SOURCE: bbc.com, Yahoo News



SWEET STUDENT RESCUES HIS TEACHER

Like many who had been left jobless due to the pandemic, a 77 year old teacher, Jose Villaruel (aka Mr. V) found himself going through a very rough patch. Steve Nava, an ex student of Mr. V noticed a person sleeping in their car in the parking lot for a while which turned out to be Mr. V itself. He helped him find a hotel and also gave him \$300. He went on to create a GoFundMe page asking the community for help. Within a month, they had \$27,000.

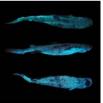
SOURCE: The Times Of India



GLORIOUS GLOWING DISCOVERY

Scientists have found three glow in the dark, deep water shark species in Chatham Rise – an ocean floor in New Zealand. One of the sharks, the kitefin shark, is the largest known luminous vertebrae and is 5ft 11 inches tall. Bioluminescence was also confirmed in the lantern sharks. The phenomenon of bioluminescence - organisms emitting light - has been identified in these sharks for the first time. Researchers think the sharks' glowing underbellies help them hide from predators or other threats. They also say that the bioluminescence is brought through photophores (light-producing cells) located within the sharks' skin.

SOURCE: bbc.com



SNAKE-Y SNOW ART

In Denver, Morsley and his five siblings made a seventy seven feet long snake out of snow. Morn Morsley said that the family built these sculpture out of ice to have fun and create memories as their dad would make these sculptures with them when they were young. This sculpture has also attracted many neighbours who are fond of it and click many pictures!

SOURCE: bbc.com



A TRUE SUPERHERO

N S Rajappan, who is paralysed from the waist down, has been set on clearing the Vembanad lake of plastic. The 72 year old searched the lake for plastic bottles in his wood boat for the past fifteen years. Rajappan collects the bottles and sells them, one kg gets him Rs3. His efforts got him the attention of the Prime Minister who hailed him on his Mann Ki Baat.

SOURCE: The Indian Express



WONDERFUL WOMEN

For the first time two women have been nominated for the category of best director, in a single year, in the history of the Oscars. Chloe Zhao (Nomadland) and Emerald Fennell (Promising Young Women) were nominated. The fact that only five women have been nominated for the category before this year makes this an even bigger achievement. Lee Isaac Chung, David Fincher and Thomas Vinterberg were also nominated. Earlier this year, in February, Chloe Zhao also become the first Asian woman ever to win a Golden Globe for best director.

SOURCE: The New York Times



EXCITING ICC TEST CHAMPIONSHIP

After beating England in a thrilling series India qualifying to the finals of the ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP. They will face rivals 'New Zealand' on 18th June in a test match to decide the world champions. The venue is still to be decided due to the rise of COVID cases in London shifting the venue from Lords.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

19th March was our last day of school. After going through 15 months of the same class, we are all excited to move on with our best foot forward. We enjoyed our last day in a class we have all been in for so long, that it felt surreal to hear we will now be progressing to the next stage. Along with the awards distribution, we also

watched the first online Anjalika Kapur Drama Festival in which all the Houses did well and the students wonderfully portrayed their talents. The performances were well executed and we thoroughly enjoyed them as well! Our class parties were full of fun and nostalgia. We all are excitedly looking forward for the new session and hope to make many amazing memories in our new classes too!!!



- Aarush Kapur, Ahaana Gupta, Jai Kalra, Khrish Jain, Kyra Dhar, Sehej Sethi and Veda Kalra